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SUBJ: EXERCISE TRIAD

1. AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND U.S. HAVE JUST COMPLETED BIGGEST ANZUS-SPONSORED AIR-GROUND EXERCISE EVER CONDUCTED IN NEW ZEALAND. THE EXERCISE, TRIAD, WAS FIRST OPPORTUNITY IN TEN YEARS FOR AN ANZUS COMBINED, AND JOINT ARMY-AIR FORCE EXERCISE.

2. THE NEW ZEALAND CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF AND TH CHIEF OF AIR STAFF DECLARED THE EXERCISE WORTHWHILE AND A GREAT SUCCESS, AS DID VISITING GENERAL LOUIS L. WILSON, CINCPACAF. U.S. FORCES CONSISTED OF AN ARMY SPECIAL FORCES DETACHMENT, AN INFANTRY COMPANY, A USAF DETACHMENT OF F-4 STRIKE AIRCRAFT, A USAF TRANSPORT DETACHMENT, AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

3. TRIAD DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY OF FORCES FROM THE THREE NATIONS TO WORK AND EXERCISE TOGETHER WITHIN COMMON DOCTRINES AND PROCEDURES. DEBRIEFING FIELD COMMANDERS NOTED THAT THE ONLY OPERATIONAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ANZUS FORCES WERE MINOR AND RESTRICTED TO AREA OF TERMINOLOGY. THUS, COMBINED UNITS WERE ABLE TO MELD INTO AN EFFECTIVE FIGHTING FORCE WITHIN A MINIMUM OF TIME.

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4. LOGISTICS SUPPORT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ANZUS NATIONS WERE TESTED AND PROVEN TO BE SOUND. INTRICACIES OF LONG-RANGE DEPLOYMENTS AND BATTLE TACTICS WERE MADE TO WORK BY OBTAINING MAXIMUM STANDARDIZATION BETWEEN AND DISCIPLINE AMONG COMBINED FORCES.

5. DURING DEBRIEFING OF THE EXERCISE, AIR VICE MARSHAL RICHARD B. BOLT, CHIEF OF THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR STAFF, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THERE COULD BE OTHER SUCH EXERCISES IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH INCREASINGLY AMBITIOUS TRAINING OBJECTIVES. CERTAINLY TRIAD HAS PROVEN THAT BASIC STANDARDIZATION OF DOCTRINE AND TACTICS, NECESSARY TO PURSUE FURTHER COMBINED TRAINING, EXISTS AMONG THE ANZUS FORCES.

6. EMBASSY STRONGLY CONCURS WITH AIR VICE MARSHAL BOLT IN THE HOPE THAT THIS IS BUT THE BEGINNING OF A LONG-RANGE PROGRAM OF EXERCISES. WE ALSO WANT TO RECORD OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM DEMONSTRATED BY US UNITS AND PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN TRIAD. THEIR PERFORMANCE GAVE A TIMELY INPUT OF SUBSTANCE TO THE ANZUS RELATIONSHIP. SELDEN

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